

MINUTES
Academic Affairs Committee
Council on Postsecondary Education
May 22, 2000

The Council on Postsecondary Education Academic Affairs Committee met May 22, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. (ET) in Room 122, Manufacturing Building, Central Kentucky Technical College, Lexington, Kentucky. Norma Adams, Chair, presided.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Ms. Adams, Mr. Huddleston, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Todd, and Ms. Weinberg. Mr. Wilhoit represented Mr. Noland.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Weinberg and seconded by Mr. Huddleston to approve the minutes of March 20, 2000. The minutes were approved as distributed.

***ACTION
NEW PROGRAM
PROPOSAL:
DOCTOR OF
NURSING
PRACTICE,
UK***

RECOMMENDATION: That the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program proposed by the University of Kentucky be approved and registered in CIP 51.1608 (Nursing Science-Post R.N.)

MOTION: Ms. Weinberg moved that the recommendation be accepted. Mr. Huddleston seconded the motion.

Ms. Adams introduced Bill Swinford, Council Senior Associate for Academic Affairs, to present the proposal for this program.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Swinford said that Council staff had reviewed the proposal and had discussed it with the University of Kentucky. He said there is demand for graduates of this program, an innovative one that teaches skills needed in an increasingly complex health care and management environment.

Mr. Swinford introduced Dr. Jim Holsinger, Chancellor of the Medical Center, University of Kentucky. Dr. Holsinger said this practice-based degree program and the existing research-oriented Ph.D. program would benefit each other. He said the new program would make a difference in the lives of nurses.

Dr. Julie Sebastian, Associate Dean, College of Nursing, University of Kentucky, said the existing program is designed to prepare nurse scientists who develop their own research programs. The proposed program would prepare people who are expert at identifying relevant research, disseminating innovations in practice, and creating a new practice environment.

Ms. Adams asked whether faculty from the business school would be used for part of the training in executive knowledge. Dr. Sebastian said that students would be required to take nine credit hours of cognates and that students in the executive track would have the opportunity to take courses in the business school.

Mr. Huddleston asked if they expected that students might have practiced nursing for many years. Dr. Sebastian said yes. She said that exceptional students in the master's nursing program who have earned clinical experience could enter this program if they had the credentials.

Ms. Adams asked if graduates could get jobs in the health insurance industry. Dr. Marcia Stanhope, Associate Dean of the College of Nursing, said the most likely employers would be hospitals and other health care agencies at which expert nurse clinicians are needed to provide a high level of care. At the executive level, employment would be in major administrative positions such as vice presidents for nursing in hospitals, vice presidents for nursing in other community agencies, and nurse consultants at the governmental level.

VOTE: The motion passed.

***WITHDRAWN
NEW PROGRAM
PROPOSAL:
BHS IN
DIAGNOSTIC
IMAGING
SCIENCES
UofL***

Ms. Adams announced that the Bachelor of Health Science in Diagnostic Imaging proposed by the University of Louisville had been withdrawn from the agenda at the request of the institution.

***ACTION
NEW PROGRAM
PROPOSALS:
DEGREE
PROGRAMS
AT KCTCS***

RECOMMENDATION: That the following Associate in Applied Technology (AAT) programs be provisionally approved for the corresponding eight technical colleges:

- Business and Office Technology (CIP 52.0402)
Northern Kentucky Technical College
- Culinary Arts (CIP 20.0402)
Bowling Green Technical College
- Industrial Maintenance Technology (CIP 47.0303)
Hazard Technical College
- Machine Tool Technology (CIP 48.0503)
Madisonville Technical College
- Machine Tool Technology (CIP 48.0503)
Owensboro Technical College
- Machine Tool Technology (CIP 48.0503)
Rowan Technical College

- Medical Laboratory Technology (CIP 51.1004)
Cumberland Valley Technical College
- Welding Technology (CIP 48.0508)
Jefferson Technical College

MOTION: Mr. Huddleston made a motion that the recommendation be accepted. Ms. Weinberg seconded the motion.

Mr. Swinford introduced Charles Wade, Council Associate for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Keith Bird and Dr. Tony Newberry, Chancellors for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, to present this proposal. Mr. Swinford also noted that several colleagues from the community and technical colleges were in attendance and available to answer questions.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wade said the review of program proposals at Kentucky's technical colleges began last July with approval of the first five associate degrees in applied technology. He said that approval of these eight programs would mean that all of the technical colleges would be qualified to offer associate degrees. The institutions would be degree-granting institutions for the purposes of accreditation and student financial aid. All of the proposed programs are built on diploma programs already in place.

Mr. Wade asked Dr. Bird and Dr. Newberry to comment on these programs.

Dr. Newberry thanked Council staff and representatives of the technical colleges for their work on these programs. He said that the development of these degree-granting programs is extremely important to students, particularly in terms of financial aid. He said that of the first five programs provisionally approved by the Council in July 1999, four have received Council on Occupational Education approval. The approval process for the fifth program, at Western Kentucky Technical College, has gone well, he said. Visits by the Council on Occupational Education should be completed by this fall so that all of the technical colleges will be qualified to grant degrees. All students will receive full financial aid. Dr. Newberry said this was a historic day and thanked the Council staff.

Ms. Adams stated that approval of all eight of these programs is provisional and contingent on Council on Occupational Education approval.

Dr. Bird added that there is a strong need for these programs, and several programs have received a tremendous amount of support from the community. He noted that these programs are built on existing programs.

Mr. Newberry said that another distinguishing characteristic is that each of these programs has strong partnerships with community colleges or universities.

Ms. Adams asked whether the wage scale would be higher for those who complete an associate degree program because employers request this additional training for their employees. Dr. Bird said evidence indicates yes and there is a tremendous shortage in these areas, particularly machine tool technology. He also said that the real challenge with technical education is to keep students in classes long enough to complete programs because the strong need for these skills and the good wages associated with them allow students to leave once they have developed the right competencies.

Mr. Todd asked how many articulation agreements have been reached to provide transfer to four-year institutions and exactly what would transfer. Dr. Bird said that there are two aspects of transfer that he thinks confuses the general public. There is the option of transferring general education courses from a university, community college, or the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University. On the other end, comprehensive universities are developing baccalaureate degrees that will accept the technical programs. The level of transferability varies from program to program. This is a subject of discussion among the chief academic officers.

Mr. Todd asked whether it is clear that students' general studies should transfer if they go into a given program. Dr. Bird said that these programs all require strong advising up front and that associate of applied sciences and associate of applied technology degrees are not covered within the curriculum frameworks.

Dr. Newberry added that Kentucky has in place baccalaureate frameworks, which are the foundation for an excellent transfer relationship between two-year colleges and universities. This is limited because it was developed to dovetail with the transfer of associate of arts degrees and associate of science degrees. All of the associate in applied science degrees and associate in applied technology degrees lie outside that framework. There is a lot of work to be done toward ensuring transferability of these programs.

Mr. Swinford said the Council, the community and technical college system, and the four-year institutions are very sensitive to transferability. Work is being done to ensure two things: clarity for students when they begin a two-year program about possibilities to extend their education; and to the greatest degree possible, universities accepting courses a student takes at a two-year institution.

Ms. Weinberg asked if adequate support services and counseling are provided for general education courses because some of the students in the technical programs may have been less successful in basic courses like general education. Dr. Bird said the Kentucky Community and Technical College System will have a pilot assessment and placement program this fall at many of its colleges. This program will help develop remediation programs. Dr. Newberry said that another component of this is Representative Draud's initiative for early testing of mathematics.

Dr. Newberry said that all degree-seeking students are assessed with regard to their preparation for collegiate-level mathematics or other subjects. If they are not ready, they are referred to either developmental courses or adult basic education.

Ms. Taylor asked if there is a career development plan for students who leave to take jobs. Dr. Bird said that a plan is being developed for students to complete their baccalaureates. Mr. Swinford said that there will be discussion with the chief academic officers about web-based software that allows students to get information about their possibilities, given their credentials.

VOTE: The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Huddleston moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Weinberg seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Sue Hodges Moore
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Mary Morse
Secretary